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### **DETAILED ACTION**

This communication is responsive to the RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT filed August 3, 2005.

#### Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election without traverse of Group I (claims 1-9) in the reply filed on August 3, 2005 is acknowledged. Also, applicant's election without traverse of Species 1 (Fig. 2) in the telephonic conversation with David Bomzer on August 8, 2005 is acknowledged.

Claims 4-11 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR

1.142(b) as being drawn to nonelected group/species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made without traverse in the aforementioned communications.

### Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 2 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

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Claims 2 and 3 recite "a rolling bearing" in line 1. It is not clear if the rolling bearing recited in the claims is the same recited in line 1 of claim 1.

## Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

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The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

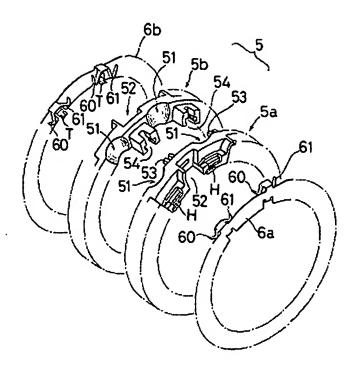
(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Iga ('252).

Iga discloses a one-way clutch (Fig. 3), rolling bearing with plural rolling elements (3), sprags (4), an annular space, inner race (1), an outer race (2), a one-way clutch surface, a rolling bearing surface, a cage (5), annular members (5a, 5b), urging means with a structure (6b), an integrally formed annular flat plate (5b) defining an end portion and isolating the right side with respect to the left, a radial through hole (e.g., the sprags cavities, radial groove in insertion means or undercut— Fig. 4b), and an axial through hole (Fig. 4a). Concerning the material, it is noted that the cross hatching suggest that the cage is made of a synthetic resin or plastic (see MPEP 608.02).

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### Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Giese et al. ('632), Kurita et al. ('653), and Igari et al. ('838) disclose other oneway clutches having cages with annular members.

Any inquiry this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Saúl J. Rodríguez whose telephone number is (571) 272-7097. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles A. Marmor can be reached on (571) 272-7095. The fax phone

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